

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

HARTSHORNE *et. al.*

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For: Viscoelastic Surfactant Gels with  
Reduced Salt Concentration

Customer No.: 37003

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**AMENDMENT with RCE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 5 October 2009, Applicants would  
like to submit the following Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2  
of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.